

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 205

By Staples

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Luther Martin Kindall
of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Luther Martin Kindall of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Luther Kindall was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Dr. Luther Kindall was the second child of Bruce and Lucy T. Kindall; he was a graduate of Pearl High School and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Tennessee State University (TSU); and

WHEREAS, named "Mr. Brains" of his senior class at TSU, Dr. Kindall was awarded the W.J. Hale Memorial Scholarship to pursue his master's degree; after graduating with his master's degree, he was awarded the Southern Fellowship Scholarship to pursue his Doctorate in Educational Psychology; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of his doctoral degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), Dr. Luther Kindall began his teaching career at TSU; he also taught at Roane State, Brushy Mountain, and UTK, where he taught for more than twenty-eight years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at UTK, Dr. Kindall made significant strides in the psychology department, particularly with his dedicated focus on black students, faculty, and staff members; as a professor of educational psychology, he focused his research on cognitive and affective learning styles to help promote an appreciation for differences and diversity, believing that there is no one way to learn, teach, instruct, or evaluate teachers or learners; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his field, Dr. Kindall was one of the founding members of the National Association of Black Psychologists, and he made several presentations at international

and national conferences on school violence, conflict resolution, and African-American culture; he retired from UTK with Professor Emeritus status in recognition of his years of distinguished service to the university; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dr. Kindall received several awards from UTK, state government, and community organizations for his service to the university, the State, and the local community; he also received the Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award from the UT Panhellenic Council and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, also honored as a founding member of the UT Black Faculty and Staff Association, the UT Commission for Blacks, and the Ron McNair Summer Mentoring Program, Dr. Kindall was appointed by Governor Lamar Alexander to the Human Rights Commission for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, perhaps the most exciting adventure of Dr. Luther Kindall's life was his run for governor of Tennessee in 1982; trekking across the State and meeting and greeting its citizens, he forever relished the whole experience; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Luther Kindall was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kindall enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of more than fifty years, Alpha, and was the proud father of Kimberley Kindall-Flores and Katrina Winston; he was the loving grandfather of Kendall Flores, Cameron Flores, Jaimie Winston, and Kandis Winston; and

WHEREAS, he is lovingly remembered by his sister, Bruceil Mays; his brother, Edward Kindall; his aunt, Mildred Floyd; his uncle, Randolph Moore; his nieces, Carolene Medley and Marjorie Kindall; his nephew, Theodore Mays; his brother-in-law, Burnell Simmons; his sisters-in-law, Brenda Simmons, Vanessa Bright, and Elaine Coats; and a host of other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Luther Kindall leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Luther Martin Kindall, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Luther Martin Kindall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.